

Dear State CSBG Administrators,

FY 2011 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS: This week Democrats would like to enact the fiscal 2010 supplemental. The supplemental, which would provide critical war funding, would also provide needed funding to replenish FEMA's disaster relief account. House Democrats would also like to add some domestic funding to the Senate-passed version of the bill (HR 4899) but are uncertain whether they will have the votes to do so. Notably, **congressional leaders are planning to use the supplemental to carry a "budget enforcement resolution" that would set a top line discretionary spending limit for this year's spending bills.**

As such, the appropriations process has picked up steam. **House appropriators could have half their bills approved by subcommittee by the end of the week**, with five markups scheduled. These mark-ups will include: Commerce-Justice-Science, Agriculture, State-Foreign Operations, Legislative Branch and Transportation-HUD. Concerning their mark ups, **House Appropriations Chairman David R. Obey (D-WI) has stated that all the spending bills this year, except for Homeland Security, will be funded at levels below the President's request.** Moreover, it's possible that not all the spending bills will be marked up by the full committee. How far work proceeds on the spending bills depends on the cooperation of the Senate and of House Republicans, Obey said. **Markups in Senate Appropriations this week also are possible.** However, as of Friday, the committee had not released its weekly schedule.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) BENEFITS: With the Senate unable to move a broader tax/social safety net extenders bill, **House Democratic leaders are considering moving a stand-alone bill to extend long term insurance benefits through November.** Authority for long term insurance benefits expired at the end of May.

*(Source: Congressional Quarterly)*

We will keep you informed as things progress.

Best regards,